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SUBJECT: NOMINATION PRESS SUMMARY NOVEMBER 19, 1975

1. WSJ DISPATCH NOTES SENATE TUESDAY WITH LITTLE
OBJECTION CONFIRMED RUMSFELD AS DOD SEC, BUT "DIFFERENT
PROSPECT AWAITS" BUSH.

2. CHICA SUN-TIMES (11/5) OBSERVES WHILE SCHLESINGER
OUSTER HAS COST PRES SUPPORT OF CONSERVATIVES IN BOTH
PARTIES, HIS DECISION REPLACE COLBY WITH "GOP LOYALIST"
BUSH "WAS POLITICALLY ADVANTAGEOUS." CONCLUDES BUSH
CIA NOMINATION "APPEARS MORE A PUBLIC-RELATIONS GESTURE
THAN AN INDICATION OF TRUE DESIRE TO REFORM" AGENCY.
"HIS VALUE TO FORD LIES IN HIS ABILITY TO GET THE CIA
OUT OF TROUBLE ON CAPITOL HILL, WHERE BUSH SERVED TWO
TERMS IN THE HOUSE. HE HAS HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE WITH
THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY."

3. PHINQ EDITOR CREED BLACK (11/16) SAYS BUSH HIS FRIEND,
WHICH FACT NO DOUBT COLORS REACTION TO CIA NOMINATION;
EVEN SO, SEEMS "LOT OF NONSENSE" IN OPPOSITION TO BUSH
ON GROUNDS HE IS POLITICAL FIGURE. DENIES AGENCY HAS
UNBLEMISHED RECORD, ACHIEVED UNDER DIRECTION OF NON-POLITI-
CAL PROFESSIONALS. SAYS BUSH IS INTELLIGENT, MADE MARK
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AND MILLIONS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY, HAS SERVED WITH
DISTINCTION IN BOTH ELECTIVE/NON-ELECTIVE POSITIONS,
HAS COME THROUGH DIFFICULT TIME IN OUR POLITICAL
HISTORY WITH INTEGRITY UNTARNISHED.

4. IN LETTER TO NYT, ONE ANTHONY J.P. FARRIS OF
HOUSTON OUTLINES CASE FOR BUSH. CITES "NON-PROFESSIONAL
SPY STATUS" OF MCCONE, SCHLESINGER WHEN NAMED TO CIA;
DOUBTS THEIR CONFIRMATION, AND THAT OF RFKENNEDY AS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL, CAN SQUARE WITH "A PRIORI ATTEMPTED
KNIFING" OF BUSH. KISSINGER

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